

CROWN Memorandum



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TO: ESRD Executive Directors, ESRD Data Managers

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SUBJECT: Dialysis Facility Compare Data--ACTION

We have completed the file for upload to the Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) website based on the SIMS extract of 08/20/2002. In the course of preparing the data, we identified some situations where changes to SIMS appear to be needed. Please update your SIMS provider data no later than **COB Monday, September 16, 2002.** This will allow sufficient time for the SIMS Contractor to extract the data, provide a preview to network staff, and send the data to CMS by September 20.

Attached are 4 Excel spreadsheets created from the August 20 extract. Please review them and make appropriate changes to SIMS.

1. [Sims_new_to_dfc.xls](#) (ZIP, 26 kb) - This file is informational only; it lists all facilities added this month.
2. [Sims_drops_not_closed.xls](#) (ZIP, 14 kb) - These facilities were in last month's SIMS extract, were NOT in this month's SIMS extract, and are not included in the SIMS closed-facilities list.
3. [Sims_totstas_missing.xls](#) (ZIP, 14 kb) - Please enter the total number of hemodialysis stations in SIMS. If the total number of hemodialysis stations is correctly shown as zero, please add "correct" next to the TOTSTAS column and return the corrected spreadsheet.
4. [Sims_missing_phonenum.xls](#) (ZIP, 14 kb) - Please enter the facility's phone number in SIMS, or take other corrective action as needed. We have found that facilities whose phone numbers are missing in SIMS usually should not appear on the DFC site. If the facility actually has no phone number, but should be shown on the web site, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Tulloss at stulloss@cms.hhs.gov. Thanks for your help.